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THANK YOU

to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

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HAY PRICES CONTINUE TO EDGE HIGHER

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during May was 125 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was up 5 points (4 percent) from April and up 9 points (8 percent) from May 2006. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index**, at 124, was up 6 points (5 percent) from April and up 7 points (6 percent) from May 2006. Prices for cows were up from last month, but calves, sheep, and lamb prices were down. Steer and heifer prices were unchanged from the previous month. Cows, steers and heifers, and lambs were up from last year while remaining livestock prices were down. Cow prices averaged \$54.00 per hundredweight, up \$4.50 from April and \$6.40 higher than May 2006. Steer and heifer prices, at \$106.00 per hundredweight, were unchanged from last month but up \$1.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$125.00 per hundredweight, down \$5.00 from last month and \$8.00 lower than May 2006. Sheep prices, at \$29.00, were \$3.40 below April and 90 cents below last year's price. Lamb prices, at \$90.00, were \$4.10 below last month but \$4.00 higher than last year at this time.

The **All Crops Index**, at 132, was down 3 points (2 percent) from April but up 22 points (20 percent) from last May. Crop prices for corn and hay were higher than last month but wheat prices were down. Prices for oats and dry beans were unchanged. Prices were above last year for all crops. Corn averaged \$2.55 per bushel, up 5 cents from April and up 13 cents from May 2006. Wheat averaged \$4.70, down 10 cents from April, but up 71 cents from last year. Dry beans averaged \$25.80 per hundredweight in May, unchanged from April but up \$7.60 from last year. Alfalfa hay, up \$3.00 per ton from last month and \$33.00 per ton from last year, was \$114.00 per ton. Other hay, at \$111.00 per ton, was also up \$3.00 from April and up \$34.00 from last year. Hay prices were the highest since April 2003.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 138 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 4 points (3 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 3 points (2 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 5 points (4 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for milk, hogs, hay, and broilers. Lower prices were received for lettuce, cattle, broccoli, and cauliflower.

The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of sweet corn, broilers, peaches, and wheat offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, oranges, and apples.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 27 points (24 percent) from May 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 139, increased 4 points (3 percent) from last month and increased 28 points (25 percent) from May 2006.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, MAY 2006, APRIL 2007, AND MAY 15, 2007 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		MAY 2006	APRIL 2007	MAY 15 2007	MAY 2006	APRIL 2007	MAY 15 2007	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	47.60	49.50	54.00	47.40	49.20	51.60	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	105.00	106.00	106.00	86.30	99.90	98.60	—
Calves	100#	133.00	130.00	125.00	134.00	127.00	126.00	41
Sheep	100#	29.90	32.40	29.00	32.50	33.80	1/	—
Lambs	100#	86.00	94.10	90.00	88.90	97.20	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.42	2.50	2.55	2.17	3.39	3.48	43
Oats	Bu.	1.60	1.90	1.90	1.85	2.46	2.36	52
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.68	2/	2/	2.45	3.20	3.47	—
All Wheat	Bu.	3.99	4.80	4.70	4.09	4.89	4.70	43
Dry Beans	100#	18.20	25.80	25.80	19.30	24.60	25.90	45
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	81.00	111.00	114.00	117.00	128.00	144.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	77.00	108.00	111.00	95.80	113.00	116.00	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 2/ Insufficient sales.

NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.

1990-92 = 100	WYOMING			UNITED STATES		
	MAY 2006	APRIL 2007	MAY 15 2007	MAY 2006	APRIL 2007	MAY 15 2007
All Commodities	116	120	125	111	134	138
All Crops	110	135	132	120	141	144
All Livestock and Products	117	118	124	104	129	134

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM MAY

UNITED STATES: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.61 billion bushels, down slightly from the May 1 forecast but 24 percent above 2006. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.2 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month but 1.5 bushels more than last year. Grain area totals 37.2 million acres, up fractionally from May 1.

Hard Red production is up slightly from a month ago to 1.03 billion bushels. Soft Red is down 2 percent from last month and now totals 341 million bushels. White production totals 237 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month. Of the White production total, 18.9 million bushels are Hard White and 218 million bushels are Soft White.

WINTER WHEAT, 2006 AND JUNE 1, 2007 FORECAST, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.							
State	Acres Harvested		Yield per acre		Production		
	2006	Indicated 2007	2006	Indicated 2007	2006	Indicated 2007	2007/2006
	<i>1,000</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Colorado	1,900	2,100	21.0	37.0	39,900	77,700	195
Kansas	9,100	9,500	32.0	38.0	291,200	361,000	124
Montana	1,920	2,150	43.0	42.0	82,560	90,300	109
Nebraska	1,700	1,850	36.0	42.0	61,200	77,700	127
Oklahoma	3,400	4,600	24.0	33.0	81,600	151,800	186
Texas	1,400	3,900	24.0	35.0	33,600	136,500	406
Washington	1,800	1,810	66.0	66.0	118,800	119,460	101
Wyoming 1/	135		27.0		3,645		
UNITED STATES	31,117	37,222	41.7	43.2	1,298,081	1,609,679	124

1/ Forecasts no longer made for Wyoming. Wyoming's wheat production will be available on September 28, 2007.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on May 1, 2007. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2006 but 6 percent above May 1, 2005. This is the second highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.57 million, 3 percent below 2006 and 5 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.47 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 375,000, 600-699 pounds were 263,000, 700-799 pounds were 430,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, 2 percent above 2006 and 1 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 99,000 during April, 14 percent above 2006 and 9 percent above 2005.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, MAY, 2006-2007 1/

State	On Feed Apr 1, 2007	Place- ments Apr 2007	Market- ings Apr 2007	Other Disapp. Apr 2007	On Feed May 1, 2007	On Feed May 1, 2006
Thousand Head						
CO	1,020	155	135	20	1,020	1,060
KS	2,480	355	445	40	2,350	2,530
NE	2,480	290	340	10	2,420	2,320
TX	2,800	380	490	10	2,680	2,910
Oth Sts.	2,864	393	411	19	2,827	2,739
U.S.	11,644	1,573	1,821	99	11,297	11,559

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT FROM APRIL 2006

WYOMING: Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during April 2007 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was down 2 percent from last month but up 10 percent from April 2006. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Six hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in April, up 100 head from last year. Total live weight was 653,000 pounds, up 11 percent from April 2006. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,181 pounds, up 14 pounds from last year.

A total of 300 **hogs and pigs** were processed, unchanged from last April. Total live weight, at 85,000 pounds, was up 16 percent from April 2006. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 265 pounds, up 3 pounds from last year.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in April, unchanged from April 2006. Live weight totaled 13,000 pounds, down 19 percent from last year. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 160 pounds, up 9 pounds from a year earlier.

Red meat production from January to April 2007 totaled 2.2 million pounds, up 16 percent from the same period last year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.75 billion pounds in April, up 4 percent from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in April 2006.

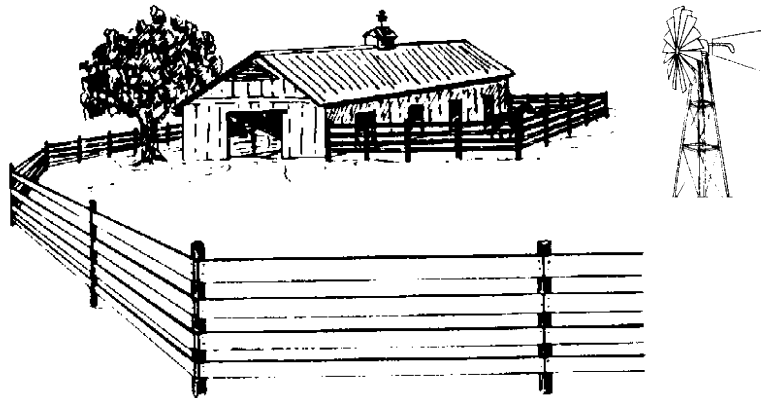
Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.70 million head, up 4 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 5 pounds from the previous year, at 1,235 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.47 million head, up 6 percent from April 2006. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.1 million pounds, was down 11 percent from April 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 216,900 head, 12 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 3 pounds from April a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, APRIL 2006 AND 2007, Wyoming and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Apr 2006	Apr 2007	Apr 2006	Apr 2007	07/06	Apr 2006	Apr 2007	Apr 2006	Apr 2007	07/06
			1,000 Pounds	Percent				1,000 Pounds	Percent	
Cattle	500	600	587	653	111	2,608,600	2,701,600	3,222,245	3,324,260	103
Hogs	300	300	73	85	116	7,959,300	8,465,300	2,160,169	2,284,018	106
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	16	13	81	247,100	216,900	33,477	30,004	90



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U.S. AG WAGE RATES UP 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

WYOMING: The number of hired farm and ranch workers in the tri-state region during the week of April 8-14, 2007 was up 5,000 (22 percent) from a year ago. During this period, 28,000 hired workers were working on farms and ranches in the Northern Rocky Mountain Region which includes **Wyoming**, Montana, and Idaho. The total excludes agricultural service workers. Of the 28,000 hired workers, 20,000 were expected to work for 150 days or more and 8,000 were expected to work 149 days or less, compared with 19,000 and 4,000 last year.

The average wage rate for all hired workers in the tri-state labor force during the survey week was \$9.35 per hour, up 13 cents (1 percent) from April 2006. Hired field workers were paid an average wage of \$8.79 per hour compared with \$9.20 last year. Hired livestock workers averaged \$9.01 per hour compared with \$8.57 last year.

The average number of hours worked during the survey week was 44.7 compared with 44.1 last April.

UNITED STATES: There were 961,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 8-14, 2007, unchanged from a year ago. A large increase in California was enough to offset the large declines in hired workers in most other regions, resulting in a net change of zero from last April. Of these hired workers, 720,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 241,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.17 per hour during the April 2007 reference week, up 39 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.35 per hour, up 40 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$9.55 per hour compared with \$9.31 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.41 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down fractionally from a year ago.

**Farm Wage Rates by Type of Worker, Selected
Regions and U.S., April 8-14, 2007 1/**

Region	Hired Workers			
	Type of Worker			
	Field	Lvstk	Fld & Lvstk Combined	All Hired Workers
Dollars per hour				
Mtn I 2/	8.79	9.01	8.90	9.35
Mtn II 3/	9.16	9.75	9.45	9.97
No Plns 4/	10.04	9.75	9.91	10.63
U.S. 5/	9.35	9.55	9.41	10.17

1/ Excludes Ag Service Workers
2/ Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming
3/ Colorado, Nevada and Utah

4/ Kansas, Nebraska, North &
South Dakota
5/ Excludes Alaska